



LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS*

LATE TESTIMONY

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House Committee on Judiciary

Chair Rep. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rep. Karl Rhoads

Friday 2/10/12 at 2:00 PM in Room 325

HB 2596 — RELATING TO OPEN GOVERNMENT

TESTIMONY

Douglas Meller, Legislative Committee Member, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters supports this bill but requests two amendments.

First, we recommend that the bill set a reasonable time limit within which an agency may appeal a decision by the Office of Information Practices (OIP). Appeals would be prohibited unless filed within the time limit.

Second, unless an agency has filed a timely appeal of an OIP decision, we recommend that the bill prohibit an agency from later challenging the decision. Without such a prohibition, a member of the public filing an action to compel agency compliance with an OIP decision might find themselves fighting an agency challenge of that decision.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.